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SUBJ: DE GALBERG ESTATE

REF: STATE 201618

1. IN MEETING SEPT 6, MINJUSTICE INFORMED REPS ASSOCIATION BAPTIST CHURCHES IN RWANDA (AEBR) THAT RWANDAN COURTS WOULD RULE ON DISPUTE BETWEEN GOR AND AE BR INTERESTS DE GALBERG ESTATE AND THAT AE BR COULD CONTINUE OCCUPY PROPERTIES PENDING OUTCOME JUDICIAL DECISION. AE BR PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING WERE E.J. KILE ACTING DIR. IN RWANDA FOR CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY (CBFMS); PAUL OKKEN, FORMER DIR. AND STILL ASSOCIATE LEGAL REP AE BR; AND JOHN RUGENERA, OKKEN'S RWANDAN COUNTERPART.

2. EMB SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED PORTIONS TEXT WITH KILE WHO STATED CBFMS UNAWARE HAFNER'S DESIGNATION AS DEVISEE IN ADDITION TO EXECUTOR. IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH CBFMS, HAFNER DID NOT ALLUDE TO EXISTENCE DE GALBERG WILL OR HIS STATUS AS DEVISEE. KILE ADDED THAT IN PREVIOUS FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATIONS WITH HAFNER, LATTER MADE NO MENTION OF WILL.

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3. PRESENT LEGAL ACTION BEGUN BY AE BR AUGUST 13,

COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE, GISENYI, AND REQUESTS GOR
DESIGNATION ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR BASED ON PREMISE
DE GALBERG DIED INTESTATE. EXISTENCE OF WILL OBVIOUSLY
AFFECTS PRESENT COURT CASE AND CLOUDS AEBR INTERESTS,
BUT ALSO PERFECTS TITLE TO PROPERTY BY OTHER US
CITIZEN. EMB NOTES TERMINOLOGY IN PARA 2 REFTEL THAT
DE GALBERG "APPEARS" TO HAVE DIED TESTATE. WOULD
APPRECIATE SUBSTANTIATION BY DEPT. HAFNER'S ASSERTION
AND FORWARDING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN ORDER INTERESTED
PARTIES AND RWANDAN COURT MAY BE APPRIYED THIS NEW
DEVELOPMENT. PENDING CLARIFICATION, EMB HOLDING IN
ABEYANCE DELIVERY NOTE AS REVISED REFTEL.

4. RE PARA 5 REFTEL; APPROPRIATE CBFMS CONTACT FOR
HAFNER IS DR. MILTON BAKER, FOREIGN SECRETARY,
CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
P.O. BOX 5, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, 60187. TEL: (312) 665-
1200. BAKER VISITED RWANDA MID-AUGUST 1974 AND IS FULLY
BRIEFED ON CASE. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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